such the figures of royalty actually realised by the States are not available with the Central Government.

Cauvery water dispute

1228. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu requested the Prime Minister for referring the Cauvery Water Dispute to a tribunal when he met the Prime Minister on the 6th February,1987; and

(b) if so, what has been the decision of the Prime Minister in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under examination.

Supply of milk products exposed to Radioactivity by EEC

1229. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several consignments of EEC like Skimmed Milk Powder (SMP) and Butter Oil exposed to radioactivity from Chernobyl disaster have been supplied to India as gifts and some more are on way and still some more stocks are awaiting shipment;

(b) how many samples of gift milk powder and Butter Oil have been tested so far;

(c) whether it is a fact that samples were drawn independently by the testing Laboratory staff of BARC and not by the interested staff of IDC as reported in the 'Times of India' of 2nd February, 1987; and

(d) whether IDC Representative at EEC in Brussels had drawn samples for test as per his mandate after nucleat disaster and if so, the details of these tests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) All consignments of milk powder, butter oil and butter received from the European Economic Community (EEC) under Operation Flood Programme till may, 1986 were manufactured prior to the Chernobyl disaster and all the shipments carrying these commodities had left the port of loading before the disaster. The Indian Dairy Corporation (IDC) did not receive any gift commodities from EEC between the period June, 1986 to November, 1986. After November, 1986 IDC received two consignments of butter oil and three consignments of white butter. No consignment of skimmed milk powder has been received so far since November, 1986.

(b) Representative samples from two shipments of butter oil and three shipments of white butter received from EEC were sent to the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) Laboratories at Bombay, Calcutta and Madras by the IDC for testing and were found to be well below the limits of permissible levels of radio-activity.

(c) As per advice of BARC the samples were drawn by the IDC and sent to their laboratories for testing.

(d) The EEC has been advised by IDC to ensure that the skimmed milk powder, butter oil and white butter despatched from European countries should be tested and accompanied by a certificate indicating that the commodities are free from harmful level of radio-activity.

Original Look of Connaught Place and Delhi

1230. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several posh shops modified the original look of

the corridors of Connaught Place, New Delhi by placing marble and sandstones;

(b) if so, whether it has added to the original beauty of Connaught Place; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken to restore the original beauty of Connaught Place immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Some of the interior corridors/ varandahs have been modified in the past.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Though such treatment does not violate the unified building byelaws yet with a view to maintain aesthetics, traders have been asked not to change any exterior flooring, etc. The NDMC is also planning to prepare an architectural control for the entire Connaught Place in its totality with a view to maintaining the character of the shopping centre.

Irrigation Projects Pending Clearance due to Inter State water disputes

1231. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) how many irrigation projects have not been cleared because of inter State water disputes with break up;

(b) how many among them are more than three years old;

(c) how many among them are minor, medium and major projects in each State;

(d) what was the total cost of each of these projects when project reports were submitted;

(e) what is the estimated cost of each of these projects now; and

(f) what steps are being taken to clear and implement these projects?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to c) Out of 20 major and 9 medium irrigation schemes *inter alia* involving Inter-State aspects, 11 major and 4 medium are pending for more than three years. Minor irrigation projects are cleared by the respective States.

(d) to (f) The total cost of these projects at the time of formulation was of the order of Rs. 4000 crores. Efforts to resolve the difference either by negotitations directly by the States among themselves or through the good offices of the Centre are being continued.

Coconut Cultivation

1232. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI K. GOPALAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what had been the are under coconut cultivation in Southern States during the fourth, fifth and sixth plans State-wise;

(b) what had been the production of coconut in each State during this period;

(c) whether there has been any increase or decrease in production and cultivated area in each State during this period; and

(d) what steps are being taken to increase area under coconut cultivation during the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Area and production of coconut in the Southern Sates during the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Plan periods is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) There has been increase in production and cultivated area of coconut in all the Southern States, except Kerala, which has shown declines during this period.